

REMARKS

The application has been amended to insert the required references to the parent applications, for which benefit is claimed and which are incorporated by reference, of this new continuing application. Applicants have provided a substitute specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.125 that includes the disclosures of all related applications and their disclosures incorporated by reference. Applicants submit that the substitute specification adds no new matter to this application.

Claims 1-148 have been canceled and claims 149-313 have been added. Applicants submit that these claims are fully supported by the substitute specification as provided and do not add any new matter to this application.

Applicants have changed the legend of Figure 10 in the parent application to correct an obvious error. In Figure 10 as filed in the parent specification, both plot lines referred to "Coating #1 Plate 3." With the replacement version of submitted herewith, Applicants corrected the legend for the lower plot line, represented by square plot points, to read "Coating #2 Plate 3." This correction not only resolves the error but also coordinates Figure 10 with Figures 6 and 9A as originally filed by the Applicants in the parent application. As it both corrects a readily apparent error and reconciles Figure 10 to other drawings as originally filed, Applicants submit that this change does not constitute the addition of new matter.

Applicants respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered and the new claims provided herein be considered by the Examiner prior to the preparation of a first Office Action.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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